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March 31- April 17



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# M ayor's Message



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## Dear Friends, Neighbors and Citizens,

April will be full events and activities. Fiesta, Brush Pick-Up, Little League, the Triathlon are just a few events that are happening this month. The Firefighter Picnic is also around the corner. We are continuing to witness the growth of TEAM WINDCREST - both city pride and citizen participation are growing. We encourage you to remain active and involved, and we promise that we will continue to modify, change and refine how we do business. As we all know: **If we stay the same, we cannot improve.**

**Develop General Master Plan Committee (Update):** This Committee met and picked a chair person. It will be Council Person and Mayor Pro-Tem Pamela Dodson. They plan to meet on Thursdays. Call Mrs. Dodson or another Committee person for more details and to make comments. The meetings are in Council Chambers, open to the public, broadcast live on the web, and archived on the City's website.

**Code Compliance Citizen Committee (Update):** This Committee met and picked a chair person. It will be Mr. Mackey. Also, it should be noted, that in last month's Newsletter when we named all the members, Mrs. Imbody was accidentally left off the list. She is a member and we thank her for her time. I apologize. A special note - Mrs. Imbody's late husband was my Little League baseball coach. I have known her for approximately 40 years. Yes, I got that same stare when she mentioned she was left off the list that I received 40 plus years ago when I goofed off. The Committee went over issues and they plan to meet two Wednesdays every month. They are also open to the public, held in the Council Chambers, broadcast live on the web and recorded and archived.

**Committee for New Fire Chief (Update):** This Committee is comprised of two Council Persons, Citizens and WVFD Firefighters. The resumes that were sent in to the City are collected, and the Committee will begin meeting in April to go over them. We will keep you informed and updated on the process.

**Takas Park Pond:** If you have had the chance to go by this pond, you would have witnessed the renovation of this once great park area amenity which had been neglected for many years, brought back to its grandeur. It will be fun to walk around this pond and enjoy all its beauty. Thank you to everyone involved. Special thank you goes out to the Parks and Recreation Committee, and Raba Kistner and Project manager Tom Pittman who are ensuring that all work is done correctly and the contract is followed. We plan a grand opening and will advertise the date in next month's Newsletter.

**Katye Brought:** She did so many great things in her approximate two years at Windcrest. She was the Director of Marketing, Community Relations and Events. She did so many good things. She won many awards in the short time she was here. The most impressive was the SA Business Journal 40 Under 40. She was the youngest one this year to win the Award. Well, she was extended an incredible opportunity by the Witte Museum to continue her career. While we will miss her, we are so happy for her. What a compliment and honor for both Katye and Windcrest that she received this opportunity. We will search to fill the position over the next couple of months. In the meantime, many Team Windcrest members are stepping up and helping out – Heather Weidenbach, Tom Garcia, Al Ballew, Robert Colunga, to name a few. GOOD LUCK KATYE !!!!

**3rd Annual Firefighter's Gala (Re-cap):** It sold out again. - Another great success! This year's Person of the Year Award went out to two people - Mrs. Marilu Ellis and Judge Stephen Takas. A special thanks to the Newsletter Committee, Amanda

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Oscar, Heather Weidenbach, Tom Garcia, the Public Works crew, and MC and Windcrest business owner Roman Garcia, along with all of the sponsors. We could not do it without all the help. A HUGE hug and thanks goes out to the Firefighter's who serve WVFD. They come out and work the Gala and help raise money. They make incredible sacrifices for all of us. We are honored to have them.

**Brush Pick-up:** It will be March 31 – April 17 (Update): When you receive this Newsletter, the Brush Pick-Up will already be under way. The City sent out a postcard, and in the prior Newsletter a map of the sections was shown. This is a good time to do that spring cleaning. Thank you goes out to Allied Waste for working with the city so as to conduct this service after Garage Sale weekend. If you have any questions, call Tom Garcia, Director of Public Works or Heather Weidenbach at City Hall.

**Spring Garage Sale Weekend- It will be March 20 – 23 (Re-cap):** The garage sale weekend is free to all Windcrest residents. The participation was great. Additionally, it was good to see that civic and charitable organizations based in Windcrest also held garage sales to raise money for their organizations. I always find myself buying things. It is fun to go out and shop and visit with our neighbors. It is also time to show others (the visitors who come to shop) what a great, clean and safe city we call Windcrest. Thus, this event not only is a great service for our residents, but a valuable marketing tool as well.

**Economic Development:** As you have probably witnessed, our city is making national and local news with the announcement that we will be the first IN –N–OUT Burger Restaurant located in Bexar County. We are in the process of finishing negotiations for the remaining two lots on this parcel of land which is in the un-annexed portion of Windcrest, located where the old Frost Bank Building stands. It will be demolished within the next 3 months. This all came about due to the hard work of our Windcrest Economic Development Corporation Board and their Director Robert Colunga. Many contacts were made by the contingent the WEDC sent to last year's International Conference of Shopping Centers (ICSC) in Las Vegas. At this conference, which is attended by over 38,000 business professionals, including many cities, meetings are made with businesses interested in locating or re-locating their business to areas literally around the world. We had great success in luring some of these opportunities to Windcrest. We are seeing the fruits of that investment of time and money. Millions of dollars in revenue will be received by our city. We will be attending this year, as well, in hopes of landing and finalizing some more deals. The money used to invest in this Conference comes solely from the portion of sales tax dollars accrued, and specifically intended for Economic Development. This revenue/money cannot be used for any other purpose. Stay tuned and wish us luck as there is a lot of competition, but with our lack of bureaucracy, great public safety, infrastructure, newly created marketing tools made under this administration and wonderful city amenities, coupled with the help of the contingent that accompany us, we can compete and be successful. That has been proven! This administration could not be more proud. Some

criticized for this expense of time and sales tax revenue, which is a shame, as this Convention is critical to raising the profile of our City and bringing in business. A huge thank you goes out to the time volunteered by the WEDC Board and Council who donate their time for these efforts. There is much more exciting news which will be released in the near future, so please stay tuned.

**Racker Road:** Simply put, this project is complete. The City and this administration were determined to honor this commitment to Rackspace. It came in UNDER budget. A big hug goes out to the WEDC for taking on this project and finalizing this huge undertaking which will allow future Economic Development and assist Rackspace's growth.

**Rackspace Headquarters:** Renovations continue to proceed. They opened a gym and more office space on the inside and they are getting ready to start ramping up the landscaping on the outside. More Rackers are coming to work in Windcrest every month. It is a joy to work with this company.

**Official Fiesta Event in Windcrest- Saturday, April 5th:** Yes, Windcrest hosts an official Fiesta Event. This will be the third year in a row! It is the Fiesta Especial Parade and Promenade. You can register for the 5k at [www.fiestaespecial.com](http://www.fiestaespecial.com). There was an article in the March Newsletter that shows the route for the Parade. It is a lot of fun and you cannot beat the price of admission – FREE.

**Firefighter Picnic:** Again, this year it will be a two day, fun filled event. The 44th Annual Firefighter Picnic will be Friday, May 16th from 6 PM – 11 PM and Saturday, May 17th from 9 AM – 11 PM. Admission is free and open to the public. Save the dates. More details will be in next month's Newsletter.

**6th Annual Windcrest Triathlon, April 26 –** This will be the 6th Annual Windcrest Triathlon. If interested, visit [www.redemptionrp.com/Windcrest-Tri](http://www.redemptionrp.com/Windcrest-Tri) for more details.

**Volunteering and Participating:** We need more people on the Newsletter Committee, Windcrest Citizens' Patrol and Animal Task Force. Please call Heather Weidenbach at City Hall if you wish to volunteer. Remember that there are still places of service within the City. If you want to participate or volunteer in any area of the City, you won't be turned away. Give me a call or email me to get involved.

Please email me if you wish me to add something to my article. When you visit City Hall, please stop in and say hello.

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Your Mayor and humble servant,

*Alan E. Baxter*

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## FROM YOUR

Mayor Pro-Tem, Pam Dodson



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Recycling is a part of your garbage bill. Thought you might like an update on what you can recycle.

### Here is the list of things TO recycle:

Boxboard, corrugated cardboard, computer printouts, white and colored paper, clean room paper, notebook paper, adding machine tape, file folders (not hanging), fax paper, carbonless paper, card stock, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, soft cover books, aluminum cans, water/soda bottles, self-adhesive notes, white and colored beverage bottles

### Here is the list of thing NOT to recycle:

Glass, styrofoam, spiral notebooks, paper plates, paper cups, paper towel, paper tissues, carbon paper. Please recycle when you can.

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## Councilmember

**Gerd E. Jacobi**

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### TIME IN WINDCREST

First of all let me say that we had a wonderful time at the 3rd Annual Firefighter's Gala. I want to thank all the volunteer firefighters who helped make this year's, as all the other past years, Gala such a success. I also want to thank all the residents that came to attend the Gala and helped support our Volunteer Fire Department.

I hope that everyone who had a garage sale had a great time. Hopefully you were able to eliminate some of your unwanted or no longer useable items. Also I hope you made a few extra dollars from your sale.

This year's brush pick up is scheduled for March 31 through April 17. This is the time to clean up for spring. Cut those trees, or have someone do it, plant the flower's, pray for rain, repaint your house, or have someone do it for you and don't forget to walk your dog, if you have one.

Get out of your house and enjoy the outdoors. Take a walk, sit on a bench by one of our ponds, and or sit outside on your patio.

Be proud of our city it is still one of the most progressive cities around. Our WEDC is constantly trying to attract new business to our city. In the long run this will help reduce our taxes even more and provide more revenue to our city budget.

Don't forget if you have a positive idea to help improve our city let us know. Sometimes we overlook simple things because we are so busy with our daily lives. Please get involved, and let us hear from you and stay healthy.

## Councilmember

**James McFall**

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I have been approached by many residents of Windcrest who want to thank our City Administration for a job well done. Many residents have said they are particularly grateful to our City's Mayor, Alan Baxter, who has worked tirelessly to get Windcrest moving in the right direction. Many residents have said that under the leadership of Alan Baxter, they have seen the city of Windcrest flourish to economic prosperity, transparency, confidence, trust and true leadership. Many residents have said they are relieved that the days of alleged corruption, fraud, and the indictment of the Cain brothers are behind us and in the hands of the courts.

My hat goes off to our current Mayor, Alan Baxter, for true leadership and a job well done.

My hat goes off to the residents of Windcrest who speak the truth and support our city's success. Without you, the residents of Windcrest, the success of our city would not be possible. Thank-you for your support. Let's continue to work together and continue to improve Windcrest, the City of Lights.

## Councilmember

### Jim Shelton

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Because of several questions about solicitors, I thought it would be good to publish the regulations pertaining to these activities.

#### Subchapt. 18.100 REGULATION OF PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS, AND COMMERCIAL ADVERTISERS

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in hawking, peddling and distributing or scattering of handbills in the City of Windcrest. (Ord. No. 404, 10/21/02)

#### Sec. 18.101 PERMIT REQUIRED

Every peddler, itinerant merchant or transient vendor of merchandise or services shall obtain a solicitation permit from the Chief of Police before soliciting any orders or offering for sale or selling any goods, wares, merchandise or services. It shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to make an investigation of all persons seeking a permit to determine their authority for making such sales and taking such orders, and before issuing a permit shall determine that the applicant for a permit actually represents the person or entity they claim to represent and that they are an actual bona fide representative of a reliable person or entity. Unless the Chief of Police can verify such authority and reliability, the Chief of Police shall refuse to issue a permit for the taking of orders and the selling of merchandise or services in the City. (Ord. No. 404, 10/21/02)

#### Sec. 18.102 UNLAWFUL WITHOUT PERMIT

It shall be unlawful for any peddler, itinerant merchant or transient vendor of merchandise or services to take orders or sell merchandise or services in the City without having first obtained a permit therefor from the Chief of Police. (Ord. No. 404, 10/21/02)

#### Sec. 18.103 NOT TO GO ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY UNINVITED.

It shall be unlawful for any peddler, itinerant merchant or transient vendor of merchandise or services to go on private residential property unless specifically requested or invited by the owner or occupant of such private residence. (Ord. No. 404, 10/21/02)

#### Sec. 18.104 NOT TO GO IN BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

It shall be unlawful for any peddler, itinerant merchant or transient vendor of merchandise or services to go in a business or commercial establishment for the purpose of taking orders or the selling of merchandise or services if the establishment has posted a sign which states "No Soliciting" or other similar warning. (Ord. No. 404, 10/21/02)

#### Sec. 18.105 PERMITS NOT REQUIRED

The permit requirements and prohibitions contained in this Subchapter shall not apply to non-profit organizations that primarily perform charitable, benevolent, political, patriotic, educational, religious or scouting functions and persons and entities exercising their rights under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. (Ord. No. 404, 10/21/02)

#### Sec. 18.106 DISTRIBUTION OF COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to throw, cast, propel or place any commercial advertising matter in or upon any street, public place or private property within the City; provided that nothing in this Section shall be deemed to prohibit or otherwise regulate the delivery of any such matter by the United States Postal Service, or prohibit the distribution of newspapers, or prohibit the distribution of information by persons and entities exercising their rights under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. (Ord. No. 404, 10/21/02)

## Councilmember

### John Gretz

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Dear Neighbors,

In our March Newsletter, the Mayor highlighted two very important committees for Windcrest...the City Master Planning committee and the City Code Compliance committee. He listed the membership of those committees that consist of volunteer citizens, people from city leadership and staff, and local business and interest groups. These meetings will be open and all Windcrest citizens are invited to attend and provide input. I encourage all Windcrest citizens to be part of the process. Please get involved...it's a team thing period.

From my perspective, I get upset when people don't clean up after their dogs, when they don't maintain their homes and yards, when people litter in our city, when trash containers are left on the street or in front of yards 24/7, or when Christmas lighting is still up in April. Gosh, Windcrest is the best kept secret in Texas and we all have to do our part to keep it that way. If we don't do our part, that is why Windcrest has a full time Code Compliance Officer to keep things in check. Please ensure he doesn't have to leave you a warning notice or possibly a citation.

My only goal is to ensure each and every Windcrest resident is reading from the same sheet of music regarding the aforementioned. We all need to do our part. Remember, it's a total team thing. Each and every Windcrest resident is an integral part of that team. Let's keep Windcrest PROUD!

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## Municipal Court Report

By Kelly Rodriguez, Municipal Court Clerk,  
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### Driver Responsibility Program

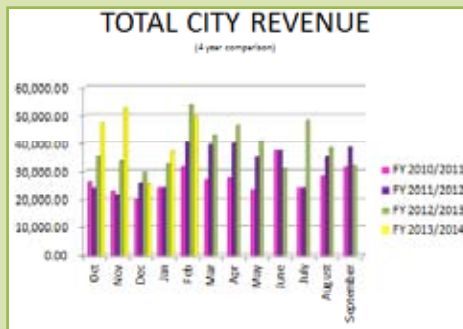
Did you know that the State of Texas has a Driver Responsibility Program? This program establishes a system requiring drivers to pay a surcharge fee based on your driving history. The surcharge is based on a combination of factors. A surcharge of \$100 is assessed when a driver accumulates 6 points in three years. During the three year period \$25 will be assessed for every point over six. The surcharge will be required every year the three-year history reflect six points. For more information, visit [www.txdps.state.tx.us](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us). If you should receive a citation for a moving, requesting from the court permission to take a State approved Defensive Driving Course or asking the Judge to grant you Deferred Disposition can keep them off your record therefore helping you avoid points on your driving record.

### Tips for the Road

You are in the inside lane of a freeway. Suddenly your car hood swings up and crashes into the windshield. **DON'T PANIC.** Check your rearview mirror for tailgaters then slow down immediately. Look in the space between your hood and engine to see in front of you, or out the window. Turn your blinker on and head for the roadside well out of traffic.

### TOTAL CITY REVENUE

Here is a 4 year comparison chart of the money collected from fines and fees. For more information please contact Kelly Rodriguez, Assistant Court Administrator at (210)655-0022 ext 2150 or [krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:krodriguez@windcrest-tx.gov).



## City Secretary News, Kelly Rodriguez

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During the month of February the Mayor and Council passed some Resolutions that you may be interested in. Please note that the links after the statements are links to the meetings on the City of Windcrest website. To view the whole discussion at the Council Meeting simply type it in to the search bar on your internet browser.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### SCCM 02.03.14

**Resolution No. 2014-480(R)**, a resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Greater Randolph Area Services Program, Inc. for transportation and other related social services. ([http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1172013017](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1172013017))

**Resolution No. 2014-481(R)**, a resolution authorizing the purchase of Microsoft Windows Server Licensing from CDW-G for a price of \$13,157.10 and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for such purchase. ([http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1172013703](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1172013703))

**Resolution No. 2014-482(R)**, a resolution approving the purchase of 2.638 acres of land in the City of Windcrest for the sum of \$1,445.00 from CPS Energy and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreements necessary to consummate said purchase. ([http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1172013848](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1172013848))

**Resolution No. 2014-483(R)**, a resolution approving a memorandum of understanding with Bexar County Constable Precinct 3 authorizing a cooperative working relationship for enforcement of Class C misdemeanor warrants and authorizing the City Manager or Police Chief to execute said Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City of Windcrest. ([http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1172004028](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1172004028))

#### SCCM 02.11.14

**Resolution No. 2014-484(R)**, a resolution cancelling the award of a contract to D. Plata Construction Co., LLC for the Windcrest Roadway CIP package #2. ([http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1178000152](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1178000152))

**Resolution No. 2014-485(R)**, a resolution awarding a contract to RL Jones for the Windcrest Roadway CIP package #2. ([http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view\\_id=8&clip\\_id=1178000415](http://windcresttx.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=8&clip_id=1178000415))

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Erick Vargas

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We will now be focusing on our **44th Annual Firefighter's Picnic** that will be on May 16th & 17th. The picnic will be at Takas Park, 9310 Jim Seal Dr., Windcrest Texas. **We will be hosting a softball game Friday, May 16th, featuring members of the City of Windcrest Fire Department, Police Department, and other City Representatives.** Beer and wine will be for sale throughout the Picnic event, and you may bring in hard liquor if you wish. This event is **free**, but a **donation will be asked at the door to benefit the Volunteer Fire Department.**



**We need volunteers from the public to make this event a success.**

If you want to volunteer or just have a question about the Picnic please call Amanda Oscar at 599-6007. If you have any questions about the Fire Department please call Acting Chief Erick Vargas at 693-8197 or even better, come by and visit.

Vendor spaces are currently available, if interested please call Amanda Oscar [redacted] email [aoscar@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:aoscar@windcrest-tx.gov) for the registration form.

**Did you know?...**

The Windcrest Volunteer Fire Department has opened a Go-FundMe website in hopes of raising money towards a new Ladder Truck! Visit the website at <http://www.gofundme.com/70vu54> to donate to our cause!



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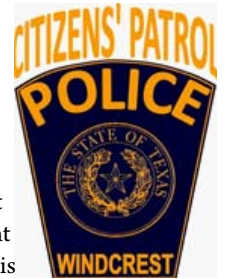


## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief of Police - A. O. "Al" Ballew

It is the Mission of the Police Department to maintain a strong partnership with the Windcrest community and to insure that the City of Windcrest continues to be a safe, secure and fear free City. It is through this mission that we not only partner with the citizens of Windcrest but also with the business community as well. It is a commitment that never ends, but only gets stronger through our unwavering relationship with the Citizens of this beautiful City.

To help us with our Mission and further strengthen this solid foundation, I want to personally thank our Windcrest Police Department Citizens' Patrol. These citizens, generously volunteer their time and talents acting as the "Eyes & Ears" for the Police Department, helping to keep the City of Windcrest safe and fear free of crime. I wanted to highlight their volunteer efforts and commitment this month and make sure each and every one of our Citizens' Patrol members knows just how much they are appreciated. Thank you!



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For more information about becoming a member of Citizens' Patrol, please contact my Citizens' Patrol Coordinator, Sgt. Mark Williams at (210)655-0022, extension 2240.



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Jan Leaders,  
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[stevejanpipes@aol.com](mailto:stevejanpipes@aol.com)

Come on spring! We have had an unusually cold winter this past season and if everyone is like me, spring can't come soon enough. And just as awaiting the arrival of spring, the completion of the Windy Hollow Pond at Takas Park is another event everyone was awaiting. After what has seemed a very long time, the beautiful pond is complete and the wait was well worth it. Residents, if you haven't been to see our newest pond, please do so and enjoy the beautiful area to walk or just sit and take in our jewel. I'm certain it won't be long and the birds, ducks, turtles and fish will once again be inhabitants of this lovely place.

Now it is on to beautifying the other two parks in our city adding new sidewalks, lighting and benches over the next fiscal years. We will also be adding another playground park for our residents in the Windbrook Estate area. With many smaller children in this area, it was a request by the home owner's association that the land that was left by the developer as an open space to play be outfitted with some activity equipment for the children to enjoy. This will be an on-going project over the next few fiscal years to acquire the equipment to complete this park.

## From the Desk of Tom Garcia

### Director of Public Works

[tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov](mailto:tgarcia@windcrest-tx.gov)

Spring is here and we are enjoying a great growing season. Areas are becoming green again and flowers are blooming. The Windy Hollow Pond is looking fantastic and we invite you to visit.

The City will once again take an aggressive approach to fighting mosquitos in our city. Application of chemical dounuts in the ponds kill active mosquito larva and does not harm other life in and around the ponds. ***We do need the communities help with this project.*** We need all residents to spill over any containers that are holding water and are in shaded areas. The shaded areas are where mosquitos thrive. This effort will help to ensure the safety against these pesky insects.

Keep calling in for any assistance P.W. can provide to you.

Many thanks . . .

## Code Enforcement, Jose Rosales

Brush pickup is finished and as we get ready for the summer, please don't forget about your swimming pool maintenance. Remember to keep up with the grass on your properties. If you have plans on any construction for your property, remember to check with our City Permits Office to make sure you get the right permits and in the proper setbacks. Even replacing a fence with new materials, replacing a driveway or replacing a roof requires a permit. Let's not forget about tree branches hanging over our streets and sidewalks. Make sure you also trim your bushes away from streets and sidewalks as well. We want an obstruction free zone for our walkers and motorists.

Please continue to clean your backyards and prepare for those backyard barbeques you have been looking forward to or that nice garden you wanted to start. If you missed the brush pickup, which is a one-time service, please be aware that you the property owner are responsible for disposal of excess materials. Please read the ordinance on recreational vehicles in Chapter 20, in preparation for future trips. Overall, your property values depend on you and your neighbors, so please help each other out. Also, check the back of your fence and mow the grass, trim the bushes or trees as required by ordinance in Chapter 24.

If you need any assistance or want to report a violation of the Windcrest City Code, please contact Code Enforcement via the Windcrest Police Department Dispatcher at **(210)655-2666**.

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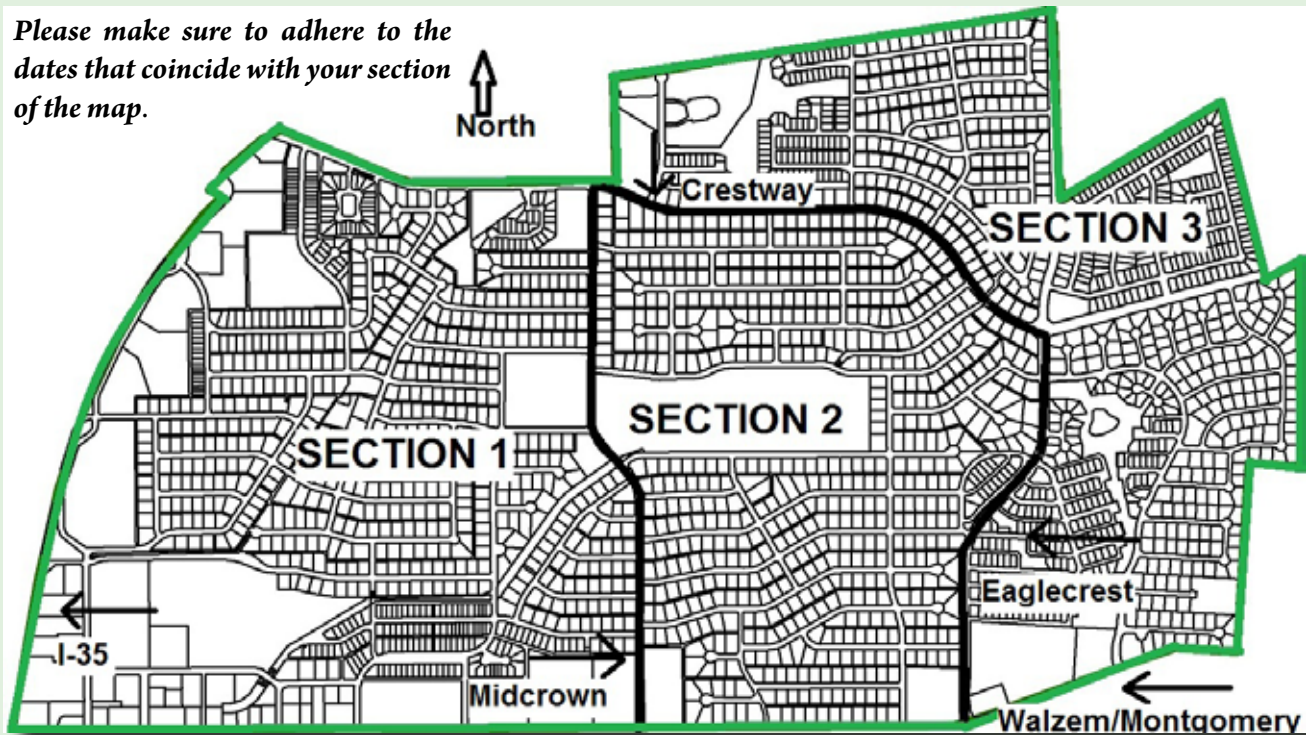
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## Curb Side Brush Pickup Map

The Curb Side Brush Pickup will begin **March 31st to April 17th**. The city will be sectioned off into 3 sections, (just like the last time we did Curb Pick Up). We will have Section 1, Section 2, and Section 3. The map will be available on the City website and will also be mailed to you.

Allied Waste will service each section **ONCE**. This process normally takes a week.

Here is how it goes;

- A. Residents in **Section 1** should have articles to be picked up in place no later than March 31 and no sooner than March 22. The trucks will come by your house **ONLY** once, so make sure you have your items in place by the prescribed date otherwise you will miss out on the service.
- B. Residents in **Section 2** should have articles to be picked up in place no later than April 7 and no sooner than April 5. The trucks will come by your house **ONLY** once, so make sure you have your items in place by the prescribed date otherwise you will miss out on the service.
- C. Residents in **Section 3** should have articles to be picked up in place no later than April 14 and no sooner than April 12. The trucks will come by your house **ONLY** once, so make sure you have your items in place by the prescribed date otherwise you will miss out on the service.



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Quality on Tap! In the last decade there has been a debate over whose water is the best water between Bottled VS. Tap. Water systems across the nation have been tested and as it currently stands Tap water has won over Bottled. The standard test is at the microbiological and chemical composition level. While the general aesthetics, taste and odor are common concerns for water utilities the ultimate goal for all is to produce clean potable drinking water. Bottled water suffers from having addition chemicals in the water used for treatment and preservation. While tap water can in many cases use less chemical treatment thus having less impact on the chemical composition of the water.

Bexar County WCID #10 and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) routinely sample the water throughout the distribution system. Here at the District we ensure safe drinking water, it is our Job! Our treatment process meets the standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and regulated by TCEQ.

Some have expressed concern about debris in the distribution system posing a safety and health hazard. It is common for debris to be in water systems; such debris as sediment and service tapping coupons may have been introduced during construction. The treatment process is designed to disinfect such debris which in turn does not pose a threat. Keep in mind that the water we pump from Edwards Aquifer has passed through all types of media (Rocks, Limestone, Sand) before it reaches the tap. As said earlier the concern is on the Microbiological and Chemical Compound level which the District monitors closely.

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 612 “We Need a Few Good Veterans”

The Windcrest American Legion Post 612 is like many civic organizations – WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!! Post 612 over the previous years has been blessed with many veterans who want to continue to serve their country by belonging to an American Legion post. Unfortunately, those years also means members grow older and cannot actively participate in Legion programs; and more unfortunate, is members pass away into the Post Everlasting. This means a post must constantly look into their community and appeal to many veterans to join a local post.

The Windcrest American Legion Post 612 is not a post where veterans go to a post facility and drink beer and tell war stories – that’s how many people think veteran organizations operate. Not so for Post 612! We do not have a permanent facility or bar. Thus our focus is on gaining members who want to participate and support American Legion programs. And there are many programs; many of which will allow members to interact with local students and enrich the lives of post members and students.

The Legion has a broad range of programs for Family, Youth, Community and National Affairs including Boys State, oratorical contest, baseball, scouting, junior shooting, Americanism Awards, Sons of Legion, volunteering in veteran facilities, Legion Riders, and flag advocacy. For more details of programs, you can go to <http://www.legion.org/programs>.

You can join Post 612 by contacting Buddie Cooper, [redacted] or Jack Leonhardt, [redacted] and we will provide you with an application. Or you can join by going to the American Legion National website at <http://www.legion.org> and click on the “Members” or “join” tab. Also a reminder: Post 612 will be conducting a formal flag disposal ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 2014. So call us to pick up your worn-out flag and we also have new U.S. flags for sale for \$22.00.

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## From the Desk of Katie Brought

As many of you know by now, I have accepted a position at the Witte Museum as the Communications Manager. I wanted the opportunity to say a few things as a farewell.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the City of Windcrest over the past two years. From working on the Newsletter to planning the events, I have met so many wonderful people and had such a great time. If you have a few empty Wednesday nights a month, I highly suggest joining the Newsletter Committee. They aid in putting together the newsletter, but they also assist in planning the City events, such as the Firefighter's Gala and Light Up. They are a wonderful group of residents that are essential to the City, and they would love to have you join the group!

It truly has been a blessing to work with everyone here in the City of Windcrest and I am excited to see Windcrest continue to grow! If you are ever at the Witte, please ask for me so we can stay in touch!

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## Windcrest Animal Control Task Force

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### *Kittens you may see*

Your first instinct when you see kittens may be to swoop them up and take them home with you, but that is not always in the best interest of the kittens—or you. Socializing and caring for community kittens is a time-consuming process which requires devotion, patience, and attention. The decision to bring community kittens into your home should not be taken lightly. Some kittens may need intervention if they are not doing well. Remember that early weaning of kittens that seem to be doing well may lead to increased mortality or failure to thrive.

### Before you move forward, consider:

1. **Time:** Do you have the time it takes to socialize kittens? You will have to commit to caring for them one-on-one for at least a couple of hours each day, for a period of a few weeks to a month or longer. If the kittens are neonatal, they will require even more specialized care, including round-the clock bottle-feeding.
2. **Adoption Expertise and Connections:** After socializing the kittens, they will need adoptive homes. Do you have the network—friends, acquaintances, organizations—to help you find those homes?
3. **Kitten Age:** The younger the kitten, the more of your time and money will have to be spent to have a healthy cat.
4. **Most kittens that appear to be abandoned are not:** Mom is out looking for food or a new place to hide her kittens. Please really evaluate the situation before swooping up the kittens.

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# Women's Club News

**Lois Wooten**

The weather may have been cold this spring, but it didn't slow down the Windcrest Women's Club. We're full speed ahead. Here's what's coming and what we've done so far this spring.

Did you know Windcrest has many talented women in our little community? Come to our coffee on **April 23, at 10 a.m. in the Windcrest Civic Center and meet some of our local word artists.** We will feature poets and writers including works by Rebecca McGinty and our own Lea Fagin. This will be a fun lighthearted time for them to share their works with us and for us to find out how they developed their creative process. Our hostesses are Marji Gentet, Beth Jones, Angie Phillips, & Hazel Freeman, who always do a wonderful job. **We will also vote on next year's Executive Board Officers.** Our hostesses are Lea Fagin & Rebecca McGinty Marji, Gentet, Beth Jones, Angie Phillips, & Hazel Freeman.

**SAVE THE DATE! MAKE YOUR RESERVATION** The **Installation Luncheon is on 28 May** from 11:30 a.m. to 2Pm. It is not too early to get your reservation, so call Vi Biancardi or Garlene Bach to hold your seat.

With the whirlwind of the Holiday Season over the Windcrest Women's Club kicked off the spring with our **Annual Founder's Day Tea at the Windcrest Civic Center on 26 February.** This wonderful event celebrates all the hard work and membership's commitment to the City



of Windcrest since its founding in 1960. We do that with a traditional ladies tea with all the trimmings. It's a fun time to remember our history and old and new friends. Attending past presidents pictured are (L to R) Garlene Bach (President 1990-1991, 1992-1993, & 2002-2004), Jaquie Rothermel (President 2008-2010), Kathy Littlefield (President 1985-1986), Carol Essenpreis (President 1973-1975), Sally Ball (President 1970-1971), Lilo Strait (President 1968-1970), Lois Wooten (President 2010-2012), and Patty Robles (current President). Our hostesses did an amazing job, making the room beautiful and providing a atmosphere representative of our history of civic pride. Hostesses were Valeria Brant, Tinie Riggs, Kathey Freeman, and Pam Dodson who were assisted by Elizabeth Freeman and Hazel Freeman.

At our **March 26th Coffee at the Windcrest Civic Center** representatives from the Pettit & Associates Law Offices brought us up-to-date information on Estate Planning, Wills & Probates. Laws change, personal situations change, and not dealing with it won't make it go away. This briefing, in a light non-intrusive friendly environment, was the perfect time to come share a cup of coffee with friends and pick up some great information. Also, the Nomination Committee presented the slate of 2014-2015 Executive Board nominees. Our hostesses for this coffee were Lois Wooten, Betty Riggs, and Doris Barsalou.



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# Windcrest Garden Club

Helma Ann Martinez

Get ready for our Field Trip to tour Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard on Wednesday April 9th. Reservations required - \$15 & everyone pays for their own lunch on site. ([www.sandyoaks.com/Menu](http://www.sandyoaks.com/Menu)) Guests welcome if members don't fill the bus. Deadline is 4/4/14. Call Carolyn Freeman [REDACTED] We'll meet 8:30 am at the Windcrest Civic Center parking lot for a brief Member Business Meeting to elect next year's officers, before boarding the bus.

On March 3rd we enjoyed some great background for this trip to Elmendorf, our own Mercedes Zamudio, presented "Olive Trees: a brief history of an ancient tree & growing them in Texas".

**\*\* Windcrest Garden Club Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser \*\***

On Saturday April 12th 9 am, we hope to see many of you at the Windcrest United Methodist Church on the corner of Walzem & Midcrown. Come early to browse through the many plants of all kinds, home-canned goods, club-crafts, etc.

Upcoming events:

**Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, April 28th, 10 am**

**Hostess ~ Myrna Waters** [REDACTED]

**Monday May 5th 11 am ~ the Installation Luncheon** at Los Patios, 2015 NE Loop 410. The 3 menu choices priced \$20, \$21 or \$24, includes coffee or tea, desert and gratuity. Reservation deadline is 4/22/14. Contact Carolyn Freeman [REDACTED]

**Joint Executive Board Meeting ~ Monday, June 9th, 10 am**

**Hostess ~ Betty Riggs at Windcrest Golf Club Restaurant,** [REDACTED]

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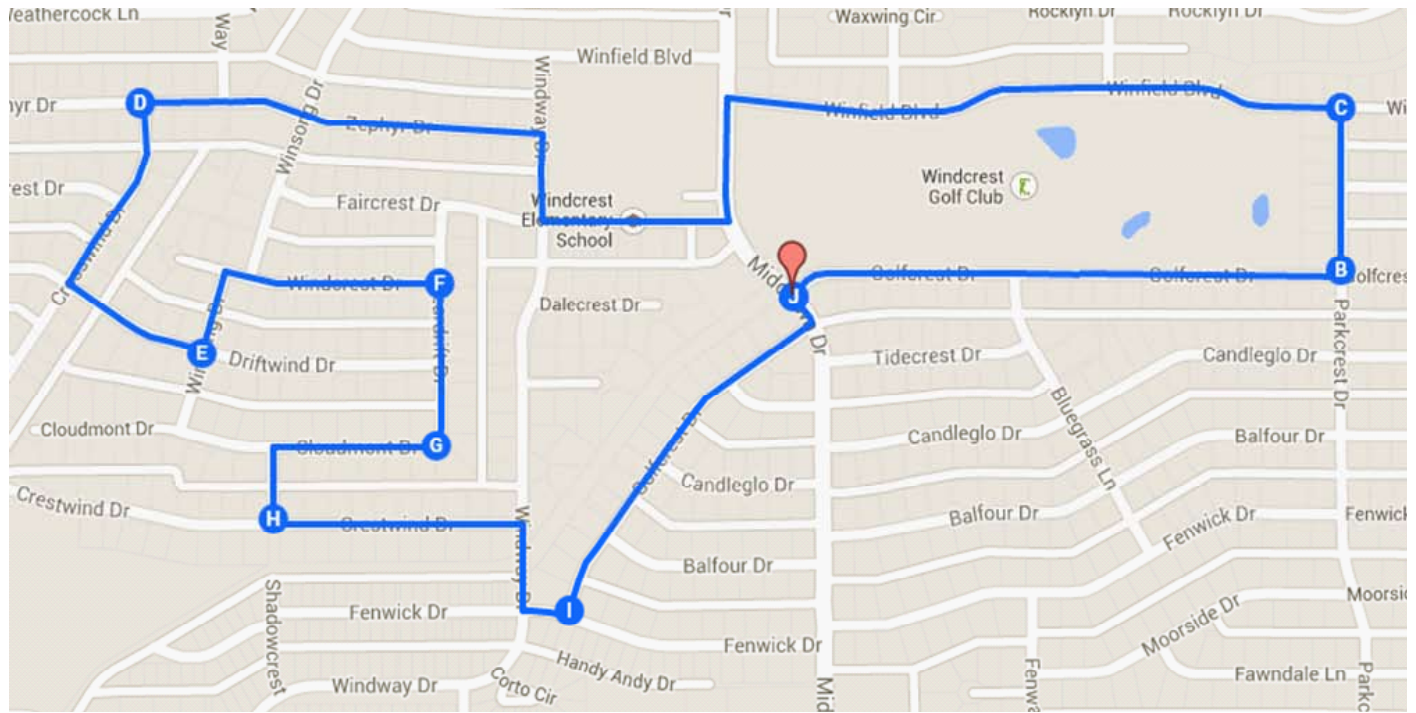
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## Windcrest Lions Club

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The Windcrest Lions Club offers thanks to all Windcrest residents who attended our Italian Dinner on March 29th. We sincerely appreciate your support. Because of you, we're able to continue our many charitable activities in our community. Thank you!

We would be happy to welcome you to a meeting so you can find out more about the Lions. We have fun serving our community and would like you to be a part of that. Interested? We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Community Center at Takas Park. Please call Lion Marlene at [redacted] for information. She will be happy to treat you to dinner at our next meeting.

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## City Meetings in Windcrest City Hall Council Chambers

Planning & Zoning	April 3	6:00 p.m.	WEDC	April 10 & 24	6:00 p.m.
Special City Council Meeting	April 7	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court	April 1, 8, 15	4:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation	April 9	6:00 p.m.	Water District Meeting	April 17	7:00 p.m.
Regular City Council Meeting	April 21	5:15 p.m.	City Code Committee	April 23	6:00 p.m.

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